

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (Currently Amended) Process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide, comprising drying hydrous alkali sulfide by fluidized bed spray granulation with a fluidizing gas.
2. (Original) Process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide according to claim 1, wherein drying is performed under normal pressure or a slight overpressure of $\Delta p=0$ to 200 mbar above ambient pressure.
3. (Original) Process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide according to claim 1, further comprising recycling the fluidizing gas and removing excess water vapour by condensation so that it is free from exhaust gases.
4. (Original) The process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide according to claim 1, wherein the hydrous alkali sulfide is selected from the group consisting of alkali sulfide solution, alkali sulfide suspension, alkali sulfide dispersion and alkali sulfide water of crystallization melt.
5. (Original) The process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide according to claim 4, wherein drying is performed under normal pressure or a slight overpressure of $\Delta p=0$ to 200 mbar above ambient pressure with an inert gas.

6. (Original) The process for producing anhydrous alkali sulfide according to claim 4, further comprising recycling the fluidizing gas and removing excess water vapour by condensation so that it is free from exhaust gases.

7. (Cancelled)